



The City of Seattle Mayor's Youth Council



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represent your community - work directly with Mayor Nickels
produce a citywide youth town hall
new friends - fun times - make a difference

WHO

28 Council members made up of two high school students representing each of the 13 Seattle Department of Neighborhoods districts and up to two at-large homeless youth.

WHAT

The Mayor's Youth Council has four main parts:

- discuss solutions for city issues and give ideas to community leaders like the Mayor, City Council members and the Police Chief;
- collect input from youth all over Seattle through outreach, surveys and community meetings to let Mayor Nickels know what youth would like to see in their neighborhoods;
- produce a city-wide youth town hall;
- participate in a one-day retreat and trainings every other week to build your leadership skills and get involved.

WHY

Mayor Nickels and other city leaders want to hear about the issues and concerns of youth in your neighborhood and help make the changes you want to see.

WHEN/WHERE

The Council will meet every other Thursday from 4:00-6:00pm from November 3, 2005 through May, 2006. Most of the Council meetings will be held at City Hall in downtown Seattle (600 4th Avenue; enter on 5th Avenue between James Street and Cherry Street) with some meetings held at other sites throughout the city. The Council will also have a mandatory one-day retreat on Friday, November 11, 2005 (Veteran's Day) from 9:00am-4:00pm, location to be announced. Food provided! Make sure you can make the time commitment when you apply. Upon acceptance, you will receive a contract including expectations for council member attendance and participation.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Naceem at the Metrocenter YMCA

T: 206.382.5013 F: 206.382.7894 E: nnavidi@mc.seattleyymca.org

The Mayor's Youth Council is produced in partnership with the Metrocenter YMCA and the City of Seattle Mayor's Office.

For additional information; www.seattle.gov/mayor/issues/myc

HOW TO APPLY

To be considered for the 2005-2006 Mayor's Youth Council, you must:

- Complete the application;
- Answer the six application questions on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to your application; and
- Ask one non-relative adult to complete the attached reference form and submit the form to the Metrocenter YMCA. Your reference form could be completed by a teacher, coach, clergy or leader at your place of worship, workplace supervisor, or counselor.

Your application must be received at the Metrocenter YMCA by 5:00pm on Monday, October 17. Do not send your application to the Mayor's Office. You will be contacted via mail, email or phone by Friday, October 21st to let you know if you are invited to a group interview the week of October 24th.

There are three ways to return your application:

- via fax: 206.382.7894
- via email: nnavidi@mc.seattleyymca.org
- via mail/in person: 909 Fourth Ave, Seattle WA 98104

Early applications are encouraged!

COUNCIL MEMBER EXPECTATIONS

Council members are expected to attend all activities of the Mayor's Youth Council and to represent themselves, the Mayor's Youth Council and the YMCA well at all times. Council members must be able to maintain good communication with staff and fellow council members via email and phone. All council members will support each other to do the best they can and will attend meetings and activities with an open mind, positive attitude and willingness to engage.

In order to remain on the Mayor's Youth Council, you must commit to attending all of the meetings. Missing more than two meetings may result in removal from the Mayor's Youth Council.

"We need fresh ideas and perspectives in city government. I had some great opportunities to find my civic passion when I was young. Members of my Youth Council will engage, impact and connect with city leaders and their community about important issues - plus, they'll get great leadership experience, too."

— Mayor Greg Nickels

Mayor's Youth Council 2005-2006 Application

Part 1: Contact Information

Full Name:	Nickname:		Grade:
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:		
Email:			
Mailing Address:		Apt.:	Zip:
Name of Reference:		Relationship to you:	

Part 2: Neighborhood Information

Seattle is divided into 13 neighborhood districts. Mark or circle your neighborhood below. If you are homeless, mark "homeless" AND the neighborhood you most identify with. If you do not know your neighborhood district, call Naceem at 382.5013

HOMELESS	EAST First Hill Madison Park Capitol Hill Miller Park Montlake	MAGNOLIA/QA Queen Anne Magnolia	NORTH WEST Broadview Green Lake Greenwood Licton Springs Phinney Ridge Whittier Heights
BALLARD Ballard			
CENTRAL Central Area Judkins South Lake Union	GREATER DUWAMISH Beacon Hill Duwamish Georgetown SODO (South of the Dome) South Park	NORTH Maple Leaf Northgate Thornton Creek	SOUTHEAST Columbia / Hillman / Genesee Mt. Baker NewHolly Pritchard Beach Rainier Beach South Beacon Hill
DELRIDGE Delridge Highland Park Westwood		NORTH EAST Laurelhurst Northeast Ravenna Bryant Roosevelt University District View Ridge Wedgwood	
DOWNTOWN International District Pioneer Square	LAKE UNION Eastlake Fremont Wallingford		WEST SEATTLE Alki Fauntleroy Morgan Junction West Seattle

Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper:

- 1. Please share how you have created or would like to create a positive change in your life or community. You can draw a picture, write a poem, attach a photo, make a collage, or use other creative means to express yourself.
- 2. What do you think are the top three concerns of youth in your neighborhood?
- 3. What do you want to gain from being part of the Mayor’s Youth Council?
- 4. In addition to your neighborhood, what other groups or populations do you represent?
- 5. How did you hear about the Mayor’s Youth Council?
- 6. Participation on the council requires meeting every other week for eight months and providing the Council with up to 10 hours of your time per month after school during the week outside of regular meetings. What other regular commitments will you have during this time? How will you balance your time, so that you will be able to commit to the Mayor’s Youth Council?

The Metrocenter YMCA and the City of Seattle is committed to making the Council as diverse as possible. Although the following questions are optional, we would appreciate it if you would answer them.

School:		Gender:		
Age:	Ethnicity:		Sexual Orientation:	

I am aware that the youth named above is applying to be a member of the Mayor’s Youth Council.

Parent/Guardian Name	Signature	Date
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Reference Form

Mayor's Youth Council 2005-2006

Name of applicant: _____

Name of reference (please print): _____

Instructions:

Answer the questions to the best of your knowledge. Please type or print clearly with black or blue ink. To be considered, applicants must have all components of their application submitted to the Metrocenter YMCA by

Monday, October 17 at 5pm.

Please return this reference form in one of the following ways:

- via fax: 206.382.7894
- via email: nnavidi@mc.seattleyymca.org
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1. How long have you known the applicant? In what capacity?
2. Please describe the applicant's strengths.
3. Give an example of the applicant completing a project or assignment. How did he/she do in that process?
4. How does the applicant interact with other youth in a group situation?
5. List three adjectives that best describe the applicant.

Applicant's Name: _____

6. Please rate the applicant on the following characteristics and abilities (1=low, 5=high).

1	2	3	4	5	Ability to work alone or with little supervision
1	2	3	4	5	Ability to work with others
1	2	3	4	5	Communication skills
1	2	3	4	5	Dependability
1	2	3	4	5	Flexibility
1	2	3	4	5	Leadership skills
1	2	3	4	5	Maturity
1	2	3	4	5	Outgoing
1	2	3	4	5	Outspoken
1	2	3	4	5	Responsible
1	2	3	4	5	Takes initiative

7. What else would you like us to know about the applicant as a potential Mayor's Youth Council member? Please attach an additional piece of paper if necessary.

8. Overall, how would you rate the applicant?

- _____ Exceptional, rare find
- _____ Recommend, no strong feelings
- _____ Very good, no reservations at all
- _____ Might be okay, some reservations
- _____ Good, better than many
- _____ Weak, should be discouraged

Reference Signature _____ Date: _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone () _____

Occupation/Title & Place of Employment _____